

# Virtual Room #1

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# OSCAL: From Zero to Automation Hero

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# How to manage all the controls?



It's challenging to manage all those controls in my security program.

Policy makers and baseline authors:

**I manage information security policies for my organization.** It's challenging to maintain all the sets of the controls and disseminate them to everyone my organization.

System engineers and security pros:

**I develop and/or operate the systems in my organization.** I need to stay up to date with my organization's policies in a structured way, double-checking that my systems meet and implement those requirements.



# But automation is hard!

# Ok, so how I start with OSCAL?



**With the official NIST RMF catalog!**

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**Step 1: Set up a repo, test importing the NIST catalog with one control.**



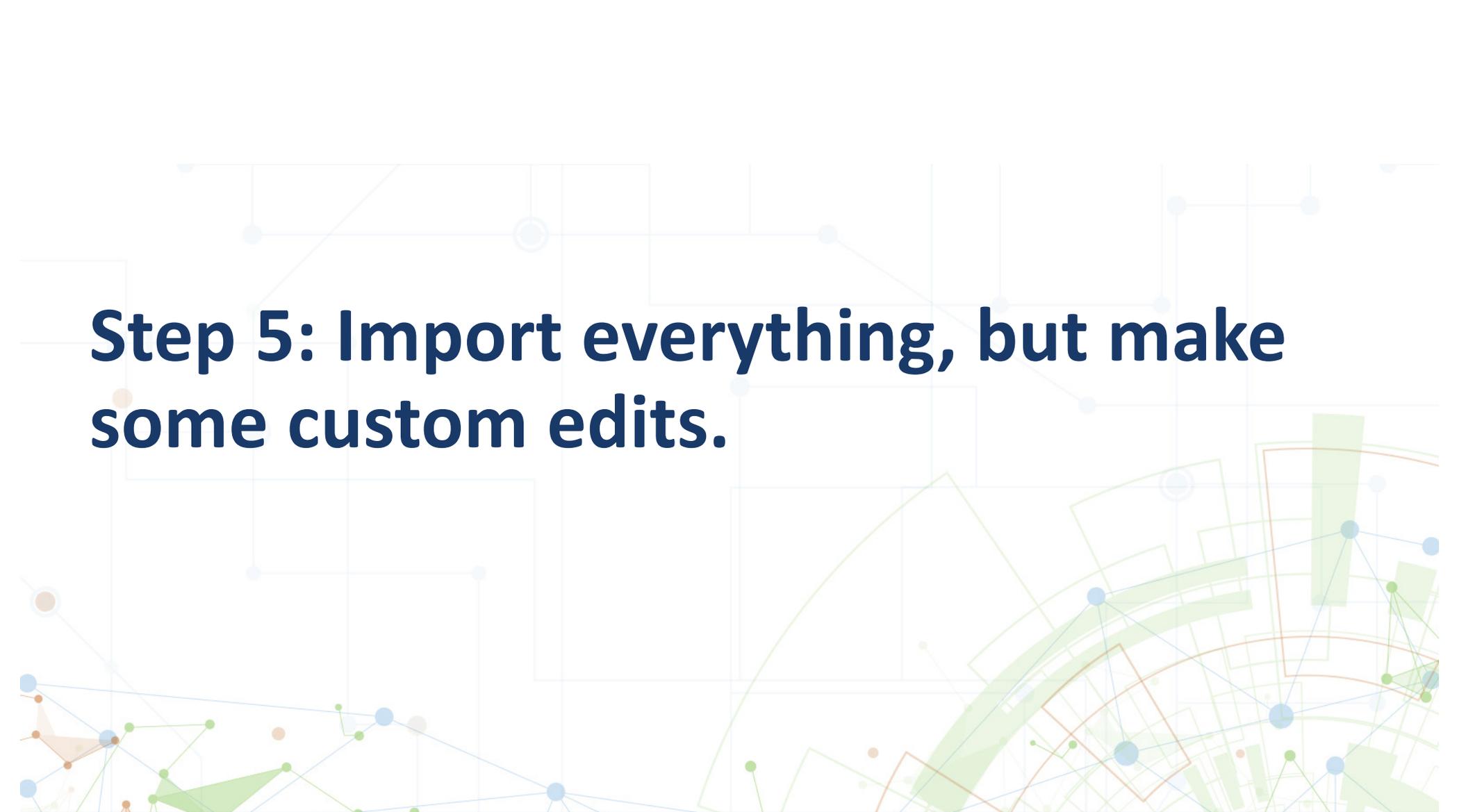
# Step 2: Just import everything.



# Step 3: Import everything, but delete some controls.

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# Step 4: Import controls, but set organization's required parameters.



# Step 5: Import everything, but make some custom edits.



**Step 6: NIST makes upstream updates, pull those in.**



**Step 7: NIST makes upstream updates, ignore some of them.**



**Step 8: Make it viewable, not just automatable.**



**And we're done:**

**<https://github.com/ImportantFederalAgency/catalog>**

**OK, I'm inspired. What should my org  
do in the next six months?**

**Study and experiment with machine-  
readable OSCAL control catalogs.**

**OK, I'm inspired. What should my org  
do in one year?**

**Research the market, RFP, develop,  
and/or acquire OSCAL catalog  
management tools.**

**OK, I'm inspired. What do my org do in two years?**

**Deploy an OSCAL catalog management tool, pull catalogs from upstream, push changes inside your org.**

# Questions? Feedback?

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